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Smallpox in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 18, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the 15th instant 6 cases of smallpox were discovered in a single residence in this District. The disease originated through a patient who came here on the 24th ultimo from Philadelphia, and who had been treated by the attending physician under a diagnosis of typhoid fever, the eruption being regarded as pemphigus vulgaris. On the 16th instant 1 additional case was discovered, and on the 17th 2 more, all traced directly to the patient just referred to.

All patients have been removed to the smallpox hospital, and the other inmates of the premises in which the cases occurred have been duly quarantined.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD,
Health Officer.*Yellow fever on steamship Ethelbryhta.*

The steamship *Ethelbryhta*, sailing from Progreso August 15, arrived at New York Quarantine August 22, and, upon inspection, there was found aboard 1 man dead of yellow fever and 3 men sick, who were removed by the quarantine officer from the vessel, which was disinfected and released.

The steamship left New York August 25 and, having lain one or two days at Delaware Breakwater awaiting orders, arrived at Norfolk, Va., August 29 with all well on board. She sailed from Norfolk August 30, after coaling, arrived at Jacksonville September 3 and loaded there for Santiago de Cuba, leaving Jacksonville September 14 and arriving at Santiago September 19. Upon arrival at Santiago, the quarantine officer there wired to the Bureau that the vessel was infected with yellow fever; 1 of the crew died on arrival at Santiago, and the diagnosis of yellow fever was confirmed upon necropsy, 5 others of the crew being taken sick, making a total of 10 cases since leaving Progreso, and 6 since leaving New York.

Disinfection of Chinese merchandise at Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, WASH., September 6, 1901.

SIR: I have to report that there were 20 packages of Chinese merchandise disinfected at this station during the month of August, 1901.

Respectfully,

CHAS. B. FORD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Asst. Surg. M. H. FOSTER, In Command Puget Sound
Quarantine Station, Port Townsend, Wash.*Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian and Mexican ports.*REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., September 15, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware River and Bay, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: September 13, 1901, British schooner *Rhoda*, from Baracoa, with cocoanuts; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. M. Llorens. September 14, 1901, British steamship *Mexicano*, from Vera Cruz, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. D. E. Dudley.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.